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~~SECRET~~ SECTION THREE OF FIVE HQ NSAPAC FOR NOGF46T/8927 WEEKLY AIR DEFENSE WRAP-UP. B. AT APPROXIMATELY 2456Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT WAS TRACKED BY FRIENDLY RADAR IN THE VICINITY OF BU DOP (1222N 12649E) WITH A SPEED OF 483 KNOTS AND AN ALTITUDE OF 16,200 FEET. THE AIRCRAFT PENETRATED SVN AIRSPACE FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 NMS THEN TURNED AROUND AND LEFT. C. AT 1522Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT ENTERED SVN APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHWEST OF DAK TOTO A POSITION OF 1438N 10734E. IT WAS ASSUMED BY U.S. ARMY AVIATION TO BE A FRENCH ALOUETTE HELICOPTER, DUE TO THE DISTINCTIVE SOUND. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS WAS A CAMBODIAN AIRCRAFT. A C-47 FLARESHIP WAS LAUNCHED AND SIGHTED THE AIRCRAFT, BUT IT DISAPPEARED. THE C-47 COULD NOT CONFIRM THE IDENTIFICATION AS A HELICOPTER. TWO A1E'S WERE SENT UP, BUT COULD NOT LOCATE THE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT. 3. ON 25 DEC AN UNIDENTIFIED PAVN ENGINEER REGT IN LASO WAS REFLECTED REPORTING A SITUATION REPORT POSSIBLY THE 4TH BATTALION. THE REPORT STATED THAT "F (PROBABLE REFERENCE TO F105 AIRCRAFT) CIRCLED MANY TIMES OVER THE AREA. THE MEN OF THE 12TH PLATOON SAW ONE F ON FIRE ... GO DOWN THERE. DO NOT KNOW WHICH UNIT FIRED. AT 2015Z THE ENEMY STRAFED AND BOMBED THE AREA OF THE BRIDGE BUT DID NOT HIT THE ROAD. TODAY THE BRIDGE AND THE ENTIRE LINE OF THE ROAD WAS STRAFED AND BOMBED." ON TWO SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES ON 7 DEC FROM THE SAME UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENGINEER REGT IN LAOS TO ITS FOURTH BN (UNLOCATED), THE REGT STATED: "BATTALION IS TO SEND IMMEDIATELY THE WAR BOOTY FROM THE DOWNED PLANE BACK TO REGIMENT." "YOU MUST HAVE TIGHTER CONTROL OVER THE AIRCRAFT GROUND WORDS (MISSING) AT THE PLACE INVESTIGATED. COMRADE TUAN (UNIDENTIFIED) SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT IN DETAIL ON THE ROUGH MAP THE PLACE WHERE THE AIRPLANE FELL. LATER HE POINTED IT OUT ON THE PROGRESS CHART MAP AT HEADQUARTERS." OPERATIONAL REPORTS REVEAL THAT THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS WILDCAT ONE. AT APPROXIMATELY 2755Z, WILDCAT ONE WAS HIT BY SMALL ARMS GROUND FIRE, CAUGHT ON FIRE AND WENT INTO AN UNCONTROLLED SPIN. THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED IN THE VICINITY OF 2014N 10402E. THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF WILDCAT FLIGHT REPORTED THEY DROPPED THEIR BOMBS ON A SEGMENT OF THE ROAD AND FLEW RESCAP FOR WILDCAT LEAD. OF INTEREST, A 9 DEC PROPAGANDA MESSAGE FROM THE PATHET LAO PRESS/PROPAGANDA FACILITY AT SAM NEUA CLAIMED THE SHOOTDOWN OF A F105 AT BAN SA LEUI (22-13N 104-02E) ON 5 DEC BY RIFLE FIRE FROM PATHET LAO TROOPS. THE PILOT WAS REPORTED KILLED, HIS HANDGUN, DOCUMENTS, AND THE AIRCRAFT'S "MACHINE GUN" WERE CAPTURED. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY TWO NMS FROM THE LOCATION WHERE WILDCAT ONE WAS REPORTED DOWNED. SECTION TWO - FIGHTER ACTIVITY 1. PHUC YEN A TOTAL OF 64 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AIRFIELD AND AT LEAST 33 WERE ACTUALLY FLOWN. THIS COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH THE 35 SORTIES THAT WERE FLOWN LAST WEEK. A. VIETNAMESE ACTIVITY VIETNAMESE PILOTS CONSISTED OF AN ATTEMPTED INTERCEPT/ATTACK AGAINST THE USAF/COMMANDO CLUB FORCE ON 28 DEC, PRACTICE INTERCEPT/ATTACKS, ROUND-ROBIN FLIGHTS TO HANOI/GIA LAM, FORMATION PRACTICE, NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING RADIO COMPASS LETDOWNS, CIRCUITS AND LANDINGS,

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AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY. ALL DURING DAYLIGHTS HOURS. AT 0052Z, 28 DEC, TWO MIG-21'S WERE SCRAMBLED AGAINST THE USAF COMMANDO CLUB FORCE HEADING TOWARDS THE YEN BAI AREA. THE MIGS HEADED WEST THEN NORTH, AND CLOSED TO WITHIN 16 NM OF THE INTENDED TARGET. AT THIS POINT, THEY WERE INFORMED OF "4 HOSTILE ACFT TO YOUR REAR... BREAK OFF... ENGAGE AFTERBURNERS." THE MIGS BROKE OFF, CLIMBED TO 33,000 FT AND ACCELERATED TO MACH 1.2 AND RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AT 0120Z. B. KORCOM ACTIVITY BY KORCOM PILOTS CONSISTED OF A ROUND-ROBIN FLIGHT TO KEEP AFLD, WEATHER RECCE FLTS, NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING, AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY, ALL DURING DAY-LIGHT HOURS. (SEE PART ONE, PARA 6, FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF KORCOM PILOTED MIG-21'S). C. SOVIET ACTIVITY BY SOVIET PILOTS CONSISTED OF A TEST/CHECK-OUT FLIGHT, AND A WEATHER RECCE FLIGHT, BOTH DURING DAY-LIGHT HOURS. D. DRV PILOTS FLY MIG-21'S [REDACTED] BETWEEN 0819Z AND 0030Z ON 25 DEC, DRV TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED TWO VIETNAMESE PILOTED MIG-21'S EN-ROUTE [REDACTED] THE MIGS WERE INITIALLY REFLECTED ALREADY AIRBORNE AND [REDACTED] HEADING AT 25,000 FT. AT 0025Z, THE MIG FLT LEADER WAS NOTED IN CONTACT WITH THE PROBABLE AIRFIELD CONTROLLER [REDACTED] REQUEST TO DESCEND." AT 0029Z, THE MIGS DESCENDED TO 49,000 FT AND ENTERED A LANDING PATTERN, AND PROBABLY LANDED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. SEVERAL MIG-21 FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN NOTED FROM THE DRV [REDACTED] THEN CONTINUED [REDACTED] ON LATER DATES. DRV MIGS ARE RARELY NOTED FLYING [REDACTED] WITHOUT CONTINUING ON INTO THE DRV. E. AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH FOUR MIG-21 AIRCRAFT. 2. HANOI/GIA LAM A TOTAL OF 62 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AIRFIELD AND LEAST 59 WERE ACTUALLY FLOWN, ALL BY VIETNAMESE PILOTS. THIS IS A REMARKABLE INCREASE FROM THE 18 SORTIES THAT WERE FLOWN LAST WEEK. 922 NNIN

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